

Remarks

Claims 4-5, 8-9, 16, 27-35, and 51 are cancelled, and claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 17-20, 22, 36, and 44 are amended leaving claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-15, 17-26, and 36-50 pending in the application.

The drawings have been amended herewith.

Claims 5, 6, 9-11, 20-26 and 51 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been amended herein to place these claims in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (509) 624-4276 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (PDT) to either discuss the rejections or to schedule an Interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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